4/i *February* A RESTRAINT o\ COCHINEAL

There is such quantity of cochineal and mcLgo brought into tie realm from prizes lately taken by the Earl of Essex that will serve this country for many years The officers of the customs are now to forbear to receive any entry of cochineal for two years If any be brought and the merchant be not content to carry it into some foreign port, it shall be laid up in the Custom-house till the two years be expired

gib February THE PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED

The Parliament, having sat since 24th October and considered of many Bills almost daily, is this afternoon dissolved

Her Majesty came to the Upper House somewhat after 3 o'clock, and being set with divers Lords spiritual and temporal, tie members of the Lower House with the Speaker having waited a good while at the door were at length admitted to the Upper House, as many of them as could conveniently get in

Then the Speaker having made three reverences to her Majesty began to speak First he showed the happiness of a Commonwealth governed by laws by which subjects are held in due obedience , which her Majesty observing had now called a Parliament for the preservation of some laws, amending of others, cutting off of unnecessary statutes, and the making of new And that her subjects in this Parliament, considering the strength of the realm to consist in the strength of the Prince and subjects, and their strength to stand first in the hands of God, and next in the provision of treasure, [c] and therefore/ said he, * your Majesty's most humble, dutiful and obedient subjects have by me their mouth and Speaker presented here a free gift of their free and loving hearts *—and so with that he

kneeled down and delivered the Bill of Subsidy, which the Clerk of the Crown received and laid on a little table standing before the Speaker, betwixt two great wax candles on a plain green carpet—'the which I hope and think was granted without thought of " No/* sure I am without word of ce No " * The second part of his speech showed a commandment laid on h?Tti by the House of Commons touching monopolies or patents of privilege, the which was a set and penned speech made at a committee The third showed the thankfulness of